OLYMPIC FOOTBALL CAN BE COSTLY

By L. J. C.

As Australia has entered for the 1960 Olympic Games soccer competition in Rome, the Australian Soccer Football Association will be faced with the prospect of having to find a substantial sum to send an Australian team overseas for the qualifying matches.

Australia comes within the Asian Zone of the Games soccer competition, qualifying matches in which are played on a home-and-away basis.

This means that an Australian team will have to make at least one trip to Asia.

If it should win its first round qualifying matches, this will mean a further trip, or trips, in case it should reach the Zone final.

The home country takes all gate receipts, while the visiting team has to pay all its own expenses.

Loss certain

The visiting team is expected to recoup itself from the qualifying match at which it plays host.

The Australian Soccer Football Association has always shown a decided disinclination to send a team to Asia, although it has been assured of a handsome profit, so it will be interesting to see if it is prepared to fulfil its commitments in qualifying matches in the Games soccer, where a financial loss is almost certain.

If the Australian Soccer Football Association does not wish to take any risk of a financial loss, its only course will be to concede a walkover to the Asian country against which it is drawn.

Top players all now with Federation

The signing of Joe Marston by the APIA club, last week, ends the fued that existed between the Association and the Federation.

Marston is the last worthwhile player to switch to the Federation, thus leaving the Association without a player who could be classed as 1st grade.

The fact that Leichhardt released him possibly removed any "stigma" of disqualification that might be contemplated by the "old rulers", who, by the way, have not yet imposed "life" disqualification on Greenfield, Morrow and Pettigrew.

Now the Federation will embark upon a policy of building soccer teams to an even higher standard than that already achieved.

Sydney and the South Coast are under Federation Control.

Newcastle still prefers to remain impartial, which is similar to being in opposition.

Being in opposition suits the Federation, because it will be able to pluck away the cream of their players with impunity.

Wise men will foresee such moves and plan counter moves to combat the drift.

One plan could end it and that is the formation of a NSW Federation of Soccer Clubs Council, comprising of six Sydney delegates, three Newcastle and two South Coast, together with an executive of three.

This would afford some protection to clubs within this organisation.

The alternative will be signing of players from any part of Australia to build up Federation teams.

When this pool has dried up, then the Federation will go elsewhere for their talent.

In the meantime, the next move is up to State organisations to pursue a line that will preserve soccer within their own orbit.

So far as Sydney and the South Coast are concerned the Association no longer exists.

The Federation is now so tremendously strong, not only in playing strength but in finance and public support, that overseas organisations are beginning to sit up and take notice.

They too are worried at the drift of players to Australia.

So much so that representations have been made to FIFA to see if something cannot be done about this healthy, thriving young body in Sydney.

Who will play against Hearts?

So far the ASFA has made a tentative effort to do something.

At this stage it is dithering, when positive action could solve the matter overnight.

Soon a Scottish glamor team, Hearts, will arrive to play matches in Australia.

All the Association talent is now with the Federation — Greenfield, Marston, Pettigrew, Morrow etc.

Surely Messrs Storey and Co. do not contemplate an Australian team without these stars or do they?

One thing is certain, the Federatiaon intends forging ahead towards its goal — to make Federation soccer the pride of all Australians.

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Gladesville enlists aid of hypnotist for quarter final

Prague will be literally playing against 12 men when they take the field against Gladesville tonight — but the latter's "extra man" won't be visible.

The phantom player is a a hypnotist.

Earlier this week, a leading Australian hypnotist undertook the task of casting a "winning" spell over the Gladesville boys.

The outcome could be very interesting, because "trance" or no "trance", the Prague boys won't be backward about getting on with their part of the job.

Another example of Gladesville enterprise is the establishment of the clubhouse shown below.

The club is available for recreation purpose by all soccer supporters.

Amenities include a fully equipped lounge and a soccer library.

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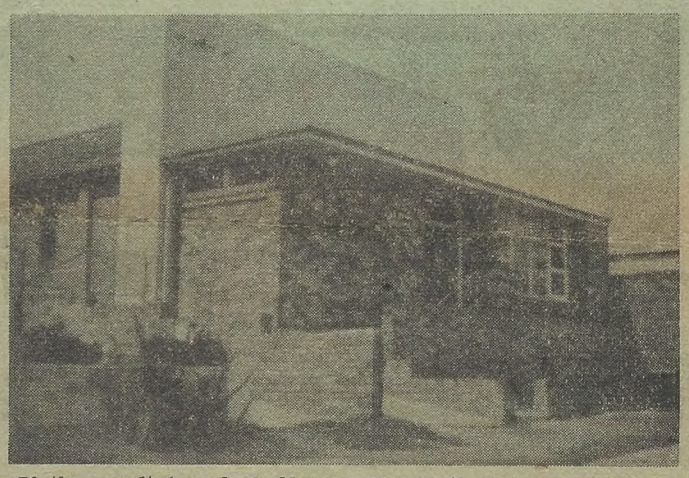

If the result is only half as entertaining as a hypnotist's performance at the Federation's press, radio and television dinner last season you are in for a treat tonight.

Nomination forms may be obtained from the secretary, Mr O. Phillips, 13 Buffalo Rd., Gladesville, phone WX 3398, or any committee member.

Ballboy outfits

Equipment worn by the ballboys in tonight's game was supplied by the Speedo Knitting Mills, to whom the Federation acknowledges its thanks.

Record crowd sees brawling European Cup quarter final

By LOU GAUTIER

A record crowd of 80,000 saw some of the foulest soccer ever witnessed in the world famous Vienna Prater Stadium when home team Wiener Sportklub held Cup holders Real Madrid to a 0—0 draw in their quarter-final of the European Cup.

The Belgian referee let the game get out of hand and a violent crowd certainly did not help restore quitness and cleanness on the ground.

The Austrian team seemed to have lost its head and tempers flared as the Viennese backs continually rough-handled the light Real forwards.

It was a real pity that things turned out like they did because both teams started off very well.

Sportklub played some really brilliant soccer and had the crack Spanish team rattled:

By losing their heads the Viennese players did themselves a very bad turn as they could have easily beaten their opponents had they remained calm.

Just before half-time Real's Puskás was given marching orders, after he had — unintentionally — hit Austrian skipper Barschandt in the face, when both men were sprawled on the ground after a fierce tackle.

This action by the referee was most unfortunate as Puskás had been till then the only player on the field, with Kopa and Stefano, to keep his head and calm angry team-mates.

Man short

One man short, the Spaniards did extremely well to hold Wiener Sportklub to a scoreless draw.

And I repeat, had the Austrians been less emotional they would have raced away with the match.

As things stand, they will have to work miracles if they are to win next week in the return match in Madrid before a roaring and vengeful crowd of 150,000 at Bernabeu Stadium.

The teams were:

WIENER SPORTKLUB: Szanwald; Hasenkopf, Bullwatsch; Jaros, Oslansski, Barschand; Horak, Knoll, Hof, Hamerl, Skerlan.

REAL MADRID: Alfonzo; Marquitos, Santamaria; Lesmes, Santisteban, Zarraga; Kopa, Rial, di Stefano, Puskás, Gento.

The other quarter-final was a much quieter affair, with the other Spanish team, Atletico Madrid, romping home easy winners, 3—0 from West Germany's Schalke 04.

The German's were never in the race and seemed awed by the crowd of 130,000, which packed Bernabeu.

The German defence was swamped from the start.

Saved by goalie

Atletico's forwards were continually in the German penalty area and Schalke can thank its goalie Orczessek for the scoreless first half.

In the second half it was all Spain once more-but with a difference.

Vava, Miguel and Peiro each scored once.

The Germans can be happy about the score, as they could have easily lost by a six or seven goal margin.

Though the return match in the Ruhr-valley will be an entirely different matter, it seems hardly possible that the plucky West Germans will be able to overcome this three-goal handicap.

The last quarter-final, between Young Boys (Berne) and East German team Wismut Karlmarxstadt, will be played early next week.

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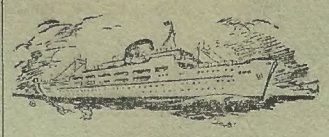

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Next weekend's Federation matches

FRIDAY, MARCH 27

FIRST DIVISION

(Three grades, main game at 3 p.m.)

BANKST. v. CANTERBURY	—	Sydney Athletic Field

SATURDAY, MARCH 28

FIRST DIVISION

(Three grades, main game at 3 p.m.)

A.P.I.A. v. GLADESVILLE	—	Lambert Park
BUDAPEST v. BALGOWNIE	—	Arlington Oval
CORRIMAL v. CONCORD	—	Memorial Park, Corrimal
GRANVILLE v. PRAGUE	—	MacArthur Park
HAKOAH v. AUBURN	—	Sydney Athletic Field
Nth. SIDE Utd. v. SYD. AUST.	—	Gladesville Sports Ground

SECOND DIVISION

(Two grades, main game at 3 p.m.)

BLACKTOWN v. W. EAGLES	—	Blacktown Show Ground
LIDCOMBE v. DALMATINAC	—	Ground to be arranged
NEERLANDIA v. JULIA	—	Kitchener Park, Warriewood
P. HELLENIC v. SUTHERLD.	—	Sutherland
St. GEORGE v. CORINTHIANS	—	Jensen Oval, Regents Park

THIRD DIVISION

Two grades, main game at 3 p.m.)

Camperdown v. Nova	—	Camperdown Park
Fairfield Malt. v Drummoyne	—	Knights Park, Fairfield
Condell Park v. Toongabbie	—	Bankstown Showground
Fivedock v. Warriewood	—	Fivedock
Juventus v. Guildford	—	Liverpool Showground
Melita Eagles v Lansvale	—	Moore Park
Penrith v. Croatia	—	Penrith

SUNDAY, MARCH 29

SECOND DIVISION

(Two grades, main game at 3 p.m.)

POLONIA v. CONCORDIA	—	Mona Park, Auburn
UNDERCLIFFE v. FAIRFIELD	—	Jensen Oval, Regents Park

SECOND ROUND

SUNDAY, MARCH 29

FIRST DIVISION

(Three grades, main game at 3 p.m.)

SYD. AUST. v. GRANVILLE	—	Sydney Athletic Field

MONDAY, MARCH 30

FIRST DIVISION

(Three grades, main game at 3 p.m.)

AUBURN v. A.P.I.A.	—	Mona Park, Auburn
BALGOWNIE v. BANKSTOWN	—	Balgownie
CONCORD v. HAKOAH	—	Lambert Park, Leichhardt
CANTERBURY v. CORRIMAL	—	Arlington Oval
GLADESVILLE v. Nth. SIDE U.	—	Gladesville Sports Ground
PRAGUE v. BUDAPEST	—	Sydney Athletic Field

SECOND DIVISION

(Two grades, main game at 3 p.m.)

CONCORDIA v. St. GEORGE	—	Prince Edward Park Carlton
CORINTHIANS v. BLACKTN.	—	Blacktown Show Ground
DALMAT. v. P. HELLENIC	—	Liverpool Showground
FAIRFIELD v. NEERLANDIA	—	Knights Park Fairfield
JULIA v. LIDCOMBE	—	Grounds to be arranged
SUTHERLAND v. POLONIA	—	Sutherland
W. EAGLES v. UNDERCLIFFE	—	Hordernian Oval, Dulwich H.

THIRD DIVISION

(Two grades, main game at 3 p.m.)

Croatia v. Juventus	—	Moore Park
Drummoyne v. Condell Park	—	Five Dock
Guildford v. Fivedock	—	Guildford Oval
Lansvale v. Penrith	—	Lansvale
Nova v. Melita Eagles	—	Jensen Oval, Regents Park
Toongabbie v. Camperdown	—	Toongabbie
Warriewood v. Fairfield Malt.	—	Kitchener Park, Warriewood

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Sid Grant writes from

The Northern Angle

It now appears certain that there will be a bloc vote from the North at the next meeting of the New South Wales Soccer Association Ltd.

The meeting will be held in Sydney and Northern clubs are plumping for March 22 as the date.

This meeting will be no kid-glove affair, as there are certain to be fiery clashes of opinion.

Over the last two years, no-one could question the loyalty of the Northern clubs, but events in Sydney reveal the sad story that the Association cannot control a first-class competition.

The great majority of metropolitan players have deserted the Association's ranks.

Northern clubs can see no purpose in continuing the "war".

Many thought that away 12 months ago, but in one or two moves they were out-voted — if only by bare majorities.

Like true democrats, the Northerners stuck to their friends, but it could not be said that they showed any real bitterness as the scene of the last struggle was 100 miles away.

Again, Northern clubs have enjoyed self-control within their leagues and really did not feel the impact of the "war".

Northern delegates, however, face a crisis.

If, at the Sydney meeting, they are outvoted by the Southerners — and this is quite possible — what will the Northern clubs do?

Their way is crystal clear — they must help form a new State control — to be called, possibly, the NSW Soccer Council.

If the South Coast clubs don't want to end the "war", they may lose their representation on the new State body.

Many of the features of the Australian Association's 9-point "peace pact" are not new, but before they are really settled to please both sides, there will be long and deliberate discussions.

But let's hope that the "war" ends and soccer can be consolidated again.

WESTON HIT

The trade recession in coal has hit the South Maitland area — unemployment is some parts is acute.

Weston club has been badly hit, to the extent where it has been forced to withdraw from the First Division.

But it will field a Second Division team, which means it will have to support one team only.

The club has lost several promising youths, products of the local junior coaching scheme.

Weston was founded in 1910 and in 1918 won the famous Gardiner Cup, defeating Balmain kiaora 1—0 on the old Epping racecourse.

The club, popularly called "the Geordies", was a prime mover in organising the first State-wide premiership, in 1928.

From that year to the outbreak of World War II, Weston had a remarkable run of successes.

It won the State Cup in 1932-36-39 and the State Premierships in 1931 and 1936.

It also has won 17 times the Stevenson Cup the knock-out trophy for the coalfields.

It is the fervent hope of all fans that Weston will arise again to carry on its great tradition.

Newcastle Austral, which had been relegated, will fill the First Division vacancy.

198 TEAMS

Mr Tom Percy secretary of Newcastle Junior Association, reports that 198 teams have entered for the season's competition.

The proposed Under 21 competition has been abandoned.

These players will be catered for in the all-age and reserve grades.

DANIEL CUP

The Daniel Cup would be open to 12 First Division four Second Division clubs this season, Northern Leagus secretary Mr Bob English said this week.

The Second Division will play a knock-out competition to decide its representation.

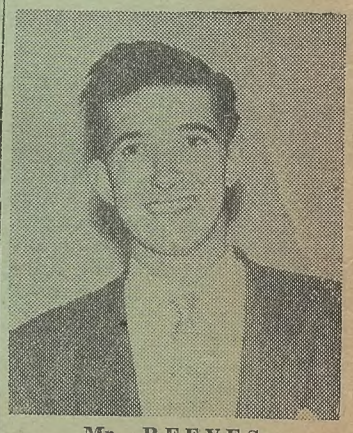
It is proposed to play some of the first round ties under the floodlights at Wallsend.

The draw is: Newcastle Austral v Cessnock, Lake Macquarie v Merewether, Wallsend v Blacksmith, Charleston United v Mayfield United, Adamstown v Second Div, Club, West Wallsend v Second Div. Club, Awaba v Second Div. Club, Cardiff v Second Div. Club.

Youngsters' big effort

A young, progressive club, Drummoyne requires players for the competition season beginning next weekend.

From an unfortunate start last season, when the club leadership went astray, a young and virile committee performed wonders to rehabilite the club.



Mr REEVES

Malcolm Reeves, not yet 20, took over the secretaryship and together with several other youngsters built a team, where none existed, and raised finance to repay a £40 loan.

Surely these people should be deserving of better support from local citizens.

The club has one of the best appointed soccer grounds in Sydney and a playing surface that is hard to surpass.

The club requires players of all age, but particularly would like to hear from men desirous of participating in the club's management.

A meeting is being held in the new hall Christ Church, Gladesville, on Thursday, March 26 at 8.00 p.m.

All inquiries should be addressed to Mr M. Reeves, 7 Junction St., Gladesville, or phone Mr W. Miles, WX 2804.

Letters to the Editor

Time wasting mars games

Now that the new season is at hand it may be to advantage if the Federation took stock of last year's progress and development and planned accordingly for the forthcoming season.

One way of providing better entertainment is a speeding-up of the game.

Time wasting tactics are irritating and often spoil a spectacle.

The Federation is still young and still trying to "win" the crowds.

There is no better crowd pleaser that fast spectacular play.

J. Mack, Redfern.

No criticism by coach

A sporting column in a Sydney daily newspaper recently in refeering to Prague's alleged lack of team spirit said in effect that if the team did not "pul up its socks" it would be as Joe Vlasits would say, "a big nothing".

This term or phrase I am accustomed to use as a warning to my team that if they neglect to train constantly and practice team work and fail to heed my advice on all matters relative to play they will amount to "a big nothing."

Readers perhaps could gain the impression that I had at some time remarked that I considered the Prague team and its threat to supremacy in the field "a big nothing."

Any such impression would be entirely wrong.

I admire the Prague team for what they are — a good team of fellows who know all about the soccer game and play it well.

Joe Vlasits,
Canterbury coach.

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LINESMEN: C. BARTLETT, I. TIMMS

PRAGUE

(Tangerine shirts, black shorts, tangerine socks)

COACH: L. BAUMGARTNER.

1 Goal — R. LORD
2 Right back — G. PURCELL
3 Left back — V. SCHIRATO
4 Right half — S. SHERWIN
5 Centre half — K. O'NEIL
6 Left half — L. SCHEINFLUG
8 Inside right — A. SAGHI
10 Inside left — E. SCHWARTZ
7 Outside right — H. RINGHOFF
9 Centre forward — L. BAUMGARTNER
11 Outside left — K. JAROS

H. ROBERTSON, 11 Outside left
R. FOSTER, 9 Centre forward
R. KRAUSE or T. Shales, 7 Outside right
H. HILL, 10 Inside left
P. NEWMAN, 8 Inside right
D. WORT, 6 Left half
D. McCOMISH, 5 Centre half
J. PRETSWELL, 4 Right half
R. McLELLAND, 3 Left back
J. PETTIGREW, 2 Right back
J. HILL, 1 Goal

COACH: W. MURPHY

(Green shirts, white shorts, green and white socks)

GLADESVILLE

AUBURN v. HAKOAH

Lidcombe Oval — 9 p.m.

REFEREE: R. IREDALE
LINESMEN: W. HARD, J. GLANCEY

AUBURN

(Red shirts, white shorts, red and white socks)

COACH: L. QUESTED

1 Goal — W. HENDERSON
2 Right back — J. CARDIFF
3 Left back — E. WALLACE
4 Right half — R. TWEEDIE
5 Centre half — R. DUFF
6 Left half — A. HENDERSON
8 Inside right — R. HALL
10 Inside left — L. QUESTED
7 Outside right — B. STAPLES
9 Centre forward — B. MORROW
11 Outside left — G. WARREN

R. MOORE, 11 Outside left
B. BURGOYNE, 9 Centre forward
B. BIRO, 7 Outside right
F. HEARN, 10 Inside left
F. ARANYI, 8 Inside right
H. SCHUSSIG, 6 Left half
J. WALSH, 5 Centre half
J. Adair or J. Bosánski, 4 Right half
J. AIRD, 3 Left back
P. NASH, 2 Right back
K. SPIEGEL, 1 Goal

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→ 20. 3. 1959
CORRIMAL / BANKSTOWN — CORRIMAL 3—1 (20. 2. 1959)
GRANVILLE — — Bye
→ CORRIMAL 4—0 (13. 3. 1959)

→ SEMI-FINAL (Sports-Ground) 8. 4. 1959
TRIAL MATCH TONIGHT at Wollongong — 7,30 p.m.
APIA v CORRIMAL
(Teams on Back Page)
→ SEMI-FINAL (Sports-Ground) 8. 4. 1959

→ FINAL (Sports-Ground) 15. 4. 1959
Play off for 3rd and 4th place.

TRIAL MATCHES TOMORROW:
GLADESVILLE v BANKSTOWN at Gladesville Sports-ground — 1 p.m.

TRIAL MATCHES ON SUNDAY:
PRAGUE v CANTERBURY at Sydney Athletic Field — 1 p.m.
APIA v HAKOAH at Lambert Park — 1 p.m. (3rd grade 12,15 p.m.)

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Round the Clubss in 10 Minutes

Gladesville is quietly confident

Gladesville-Ryde, after their recent games, are quite confident of their chances against Prague tonight, despite their opponents big-name line-up.

Club officials this week, in replying to critics who had rated the win over Budapest a lucky one, pointed out that match was the first the team had played as a combination and that it had scored two goals to one, "which is really all that counts in any game."

Gladesville has concentrated on strengthening the defence, which will be followed by similar moves in the forward line.

Bede Greenfield is still convalescing after an operation and may not be ready to play until about the third game of the competition.

Bill Murphy has returned from his holidays looking very fit and is hard at work making the boys settle down to play the game as he plays it.

Many applications have been received for membership of the new club from all codes, but officials would like to see more soccer followers joining.

The clubhouse promises to be one of the best in the State when finished.

The club is going ahead with dances and games nights to keep its followers together.

Auburn have a day out

Last Sunday, Auburn Ladies' Auxiliary arranged a very successful and enjoyable bus picnic to Lane Cove, National Park.

True club spirit prevailed when players, committeemen, their wives and friends all combined to make the day a happy one.

More than 200 people attended.

Entertainment took the form of races, novelty races, dart competition, tug o'war and soccer match, "Ladies versus the Players".

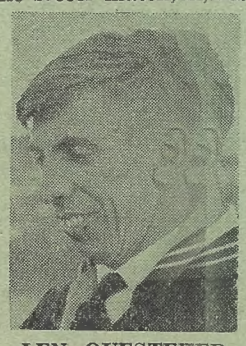
Our Second Grade Goalkeeper may well be considered as a winger by his performance in winning the Under 21 Club Championship from team-mates Keith Barry and Bob Hazelwood (Possum) and doubled up to win the All Age Championship, from Len Quested.

Darts competition for the women was won by by Elsie Quested (wife of Len) and the men's competition was was won by P. Vincent.

Final of the peanut race was won by Len Quested, from Bob Duff for the men.

In the women's event for the first time, the the players defeated committeemen in the tug o'war.

The highlight of the the day was the soccer match, the resulting



LEN QUESTED

in victory for the womwomen (six goals to one).

At the finish the the "ladies" mobbed and dumped Len Len Quested, the referee, into the "drink".

The Management Committee is extemely grateful to the auxiliary for its splendid arrangements for the picnic and wish to thank Charlie Kerslake, who undertook the job of compering and organising all the sporting activities.

APIA keen to help juniors

The APIA club is very keen to help junior soccer in the Western Suburbs and has had a very good response from young lads wanting to play.

However, a scarcity of team managers has created a problem.

The club is appealing for anyone interested in taking control of a team of juniors in the age range from under 10 years to under 16 years, or assisting in the running of a team.

The club would be grateful if interested parties would contact Mr G. Liddell, UF 3541 or Mr K. Laing of APIA Club, LM 9112, day only.

Last week APIA indoor bowling team, Pennants, comprising eight players, met and defeated Ashbury Bowling Club, who were only two points behind APIA.

APIA are now undefeated in their division, being 18 points to Ashbury's 14, running second.

There are five more games to be played over the next two months, before divisional winners play off in the quarter finals.

There are eight divisions in the NSW competition.

WITH THE JUNIORS

Gladesville-Hornsby juniors operated last year as Northern Districts, but officials feel the new name defines the district covered more clearly.

Progress by the Association has been — as with so many others in Sydney — very marked.

80 teams are expected in the various grades this year.

The new name also reflects the co-operation of the Gladesville-Ryde committee, who now leave no stone unturned to build a big pool of junior stars.

Probably Gladesville club has never before had so many stalwarts ready to assist the junior cause.

Gladesville sports ground will be used for juniors every Saturday morning this season.

Pennant Hills committee has been strengthened by assistance from former Australian centre forward Frank Parsons.

Pennant Hills will this year field 10 teams.

Biggest club in the Association is Epping-Eastwood, which fields 15 teams, thus ranking with the biggest in the State.

Thornleigh, Normanhhurst-Hornsby, Gladesville Methodist and Beecroft have strong entries in most grades

The Association is completing arrangements for a number of country trips this year.

Gala Day finals on Queens Birthday are expected to be a top attraction.

They will be held at Gladesville sports ground.

The secretary may be contacted re entries at WJ 2626.

Officials for 1959 are: President, L. Waud; vice-presidents, R. Bartholomew, W. McUtchen; treasurer, C. P. Hill; asst. sec., E. Partridge; registrar, K. Hall; delegates, R. Boyes, A. Sandell; publicity officers, Mrs K. Hall and J. Ellerby; hon. sec., K. Gilmour.

Granville set for big season

The Granville District Junior Association has elected these officials for the 1959 season:

President, Mr Terry Geany Mat Stewart (Auburn); (Waratah); sen. vice-president, Mr Terry Geany (Auburn); jun. vice-president, Mr Mat Stewart (Wenty Waratah); secretary, Mr Les Spices (Guildford); treasurer and security officer, Mr Chas Kerslake (Auburn); committee, Mr Geo Twining (Kewpie); auditors, Mr Kevin Bourke (Kewpie, Mr Frank Dixon (Waratah), Mr Les Walker (Waratah);

Delegates to NSW JSA, Mr Reg Smith (Auburn) and Mr Bill Page (Auburn).

District secretary Mr Les Spicer, a man with a wealth of experience in organising junior soccer, has been elected to the NSW Junior Management Committee.

Newly-elected president George Faulder has been ordered by his doctor to take a spell for three weeks because of overwork, and it is the Association's wish that he has a speedy and complete recovery.

Dundas Club has the Association's ranks, where it can be assured of every assistance.

The Association also welcomes back teams from the Penrith Club.

The management committee is reported to be making a bid to raise funds by trying to get a lease of the canteen at McArthur Park, Granville senior club's home ground.

Club secretaries are reminded that the closing date for affiliations and registrations is March 25, when a general meeting will be held at the School of Arts, Granville

Team managers and coaches are asked to keep in touch with the Association about the coaching class to be conducted soon.

1000 teams the target

The New South Wales Junior Association this season aims to have 1000 teams in the Sydney area.

Well over 800 were fielded in 1958.

Areas such as Granville, Sutherland Shire, Gladesville-Hornsby and Kuring-gai already showing big gains.

Manly-Warringah is expected to show considerable progress.

Western Suburbs, by the time the competitions are in full swing, will begin operations with over 20 teams.

Wests will, within four years, be amongst Sydney's strongest Associations.

Granville secretary, Mr Les Spicer, who was recently appointed to the Junior Board, expects record entries from out the western line.

This will mean that junior grades will be localised and much travelling obviated.

Potential of St. George is not fully tapped, which represents a challenge to soccer people in this famous sporting district.

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The secretary, Mr M. Papworth, can be contacted at YB 1324.

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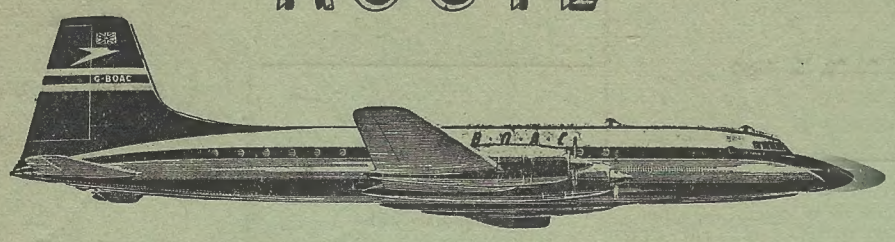

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SECOND DIVISION

TEAM BUILDING KEYNOTE OF CLUB ACTIVITIES

By H. BYRNE

Understand from officials of the Corinthians Club that their trial game against Nerlandia was a very successful affair.

Jim Hearing, the coach has seemingly done a very good job so far.

Players of special note were A. Miller, outside right, G. Kearing, centre half, and L. Kitchen in goal.

Although the result was 4—1 in favour of Corinthians, I feel that the Nerlandia boys will give a good account of themselves in the competition.

A couple of weeks back Corinthians played the visiting aircraft carrier, H. M. S. Ajax, whose team included quite a few British pros and amateurs.

The result, again in favor of Corinthians, was 7—6.

Julia improving

Julia are another team which I understand are quietly going about the task of team building.

Officials of the club are confident that this year's team will be much better than last season's.

Noted that Fairfield are still carrying quite a few of the old stalwards, with some new blood added.

If the combination can blend just that bit better than last season, I fear the worst for the lads who oppose them.

Lidcombe-Clyde, with ex-Auburn Dave Trebolt and a few of his old associates are players with a purpose.

Ex-Metrop. stars Ted Hatterschied (just back from Holland) and Les Jones could make quite a change in the fortunes of the club.

Blacktown beat Polonia 3—2 in their trial game at Blacktown.

Am told that it was a very good game ,with A. Kajzerek, of Polonia, the best player of the day.

The game itself provided some very entertaining soccer.

Now a word about our Third Division boys.

Looking at Fairfield Maltese I'd say that my old friend, Mr Albany, is doing a good job with the club.

Our other Maltese friends, Melita Eagles, under the guidance of Sam Vella are going all out to prove that they should have had a place in Second Division.

Look out, Sam, for a team called Toongabbie.

These boys have a very good record over the last few years and I would not be surprised to see them going to the top of the table within a few weeks.

As yet I am not getting much information from the clubs regarding activities etc., so once again, could I have just that bit of co-operation to make a greater success of this section.

All information should be sent to 56 Aston Street, Rosehill, Granville.

Here, There and Everywhere

FORMER HUDDERSFIELD Town and England centre half Alf Young has joined the Danish Division I team Esbjeg as trainer.

He will have some very good material to coach as the club is on the top in Denmark and has many teenagers in its first team.

By the way, Denmark ought to occupy a pedestal of their own in world rankings as they are one of the world's last amateur soccer nations of high standard with Norway and Finland.

They are really true-blood amateurs and not the type of "shamateurs" from the Eastern European countries under Red domination.

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THE ITALIAN State-run football pool, Toto Calcio, which has put £6 million at the disposal of the Rome Olympic Committee completely overshadows its famous British counterpart.

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YUGOSLAV star Rajko Mitic, captain of Belgrade's crack Red Star team, has retired.

Before leaving he made an unforgettable farewell as he outshone all the younger players on the field to help his team win the national Cup 4—0 against Mostar.

Having lost Mitic, Chaikowski and Vukas as well as goalie Beara, who is aging quickly, the Balkan's national team is far from its past glory, but Yugoslav fans hope that young finds Tomic and, especially, Sekulerac will prove more than adequate substitutes.

The present national idol is centre forward Milutinevitch, who unfortunately is prone to injury.

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FABLED Alfredo di Stefano, the Spanish star of Argentine extraction, is definitely on the way out after his rather disappointing display against Italy.

Though he scored Spain's only goal he was only a shadow of his glorious self.

The mercurial di Stefano admits being 33, but close friends have revealed his age to be very close to forty, and experts agree that this season he has certainly looked his real age.

He seems to have lost of his speed and only retains his incomparable technique and some of his former skill.

Frenchman Kopa and ex-Hungarian Puskás are about to replace him as Madrid's soccer idols.

Di Stefano looks like accepting a coaching position with either his present club or the rival Atletico team next season

In recent club matches Kopa has already displaced di Stefano as centre forward.

Victorian Notes

By L. K. STONE

It was a quiet weekend in Melbourne from a soccer point of view, only a few practice matches being played.

George Cross, winners of the Sun Cup competition defeated Hakoah 2—1 at Middle Park.

The 2000 spectators were treated to a fast, clean game.

Both teams tried several new players and officials must be pleased with their showing.

Richmond, on their pre-season form look seet for promotion, if, of course, they can keep their present line-up.

Last week they defeated the strong State League team Slavia Port Melbourne 3—1.

Following up their success they trounced S. C. Austria 6—3, to win an attractive cup donated by the German newspaper "New World".

Runners-up were the Corio team from Geelong, who coasting to an easy 6—1 win against gallant Bayswater and look forward to asuccessful season.

Maccabi sprung a surprise by signing Sabo from JUST.

He was their star player in the practice match against Prahran which Maccabi won 4—2 at Como Park.

Enzo Botari, last season's fiery Juventus captain, has signed for Polonia.

The Poles are still waiting for the return of their skipper Bob Wemys from Scotland.

Hakoah, too, are waiting for one of their star players to return from his native Austria.

He is ex-Rapid player Hans Neuhold, who has given the Blues excellent service since migrating to Australia.

Goalie retires

George Cross, having obtained the services of Toni and Lolly Vella, are expecting to sign several other prominent players already on their way from Malta, in time for the opening of the League programme.

Slade, the former Hakoah reserve goalie will turn out for South Melbourne this season, while their goalkeeper Mannering will be in Hakoah's colors and may even be in the first team as Van Egmond has retired.

Cooke, formerly of South Melbourne, will be the Czech's centre forward.

Another fine Austrian player, Karl Engelbogen, will play for Polonia as a wing half.

Accrobatic Penzo will keep goal for the Poles and ex-Juventus players Guardiani and Zavattier have again signed for Polonia.

Peter Vidovic, JUST's skipper until he unfortunately broke his leg, is back with his club as trainer-coach.

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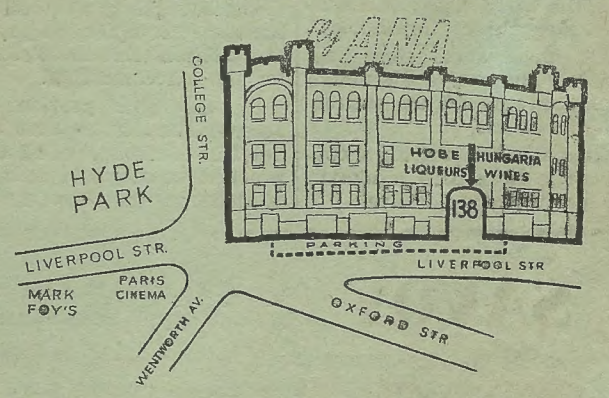

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FROM the SIDELINES

By TAD TARG

LUCKY, OR SIMPLY GOOD?

When the struggle between Canterbury and Balgownie was nearing its end, Andy Burton, Federation President, was waiting out there, near the field, to congratulate the teams.

At this moment someone sarcastically remarked that Canterbury was lucky to win the match.

Answered Andy:

"I wouldn't say lucky — it was a fine effort".

And rightly so.

A fine effort it was.

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LET'S ANALYSE all the pros. and cons. of the "lucky" win.

Balgownie were the underdogs, with nothing to loose and everything to gain.

And they gave all they had.

The spectators were on their side and urged them to even the score.

In fact, in the last 20 minutes some 3700 thrilled spectators, roaring like a crowd of 30,000, helped the Balgownie half backs carry the ball up Canterbury way.

But . . .

Balgownie was as far from scoring, as I am from becoming the first spaceman.

There was only one good shot at the goal — H. Murdoch's — and that was from at least 40 yards out.

All other attacks were stopped by either North or Jones, and when these two occasionally failed, there was always the Irish safety wall behind them — the 12 feet high, concrete and steel barrier named Curry.

Balgownie wingers were neutralized early in the game, the inside trio punished consistently by Curry.

With inside left Kay, who, incidentally, was one of the best players on the field, dropped to the half back line, it left only two forwards and limping Murdoch to crash through.

So, although the public wanted it so much — Balgownie could never have scored under the circumstances.

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NOT SO WITH Canterbury.

They had quite a few opportunaties. They did get through.

But Richardson, Balgownie's brilliant guardian managed, but once to "talk" them out of going any further.

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S. RICHARDSON deserved this paragraph excusively for himself.

This man contributed more to his team's display than any other player.

He inspired the whole team, and broke the spirit of Canterbury forwards.

In the early stages Richardson saved three "impossibles".

Had these shots gone past him into the net — the match would have taken an entirely different course.

His skill in limiting the shooting angle to a bare minimum was particularly effective.

His cat-like movements were both effective and spectacular

With Lord, Henderson and now Richardson, I would not like to be faced with the problem of choosing a goalkeeper to represent the Federation aga inst the Costa Ricans.

Neither of the three can afford a single mistake from now on.

The competition is getting too tough.

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THE STANDARD of the match was not very high.

It was a battle of defences, with both forward lines subdued.

But it proved once more that standard is not all important to make a match thrilling and a memorable one.

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WHO WILL REFEREE THE FINAL?

The standard of refereeing is still high — much higher than previous years.

The "advantage rule" is being applied more freely now and — if anything — a little to often.

When the fouled player retains possession of the ball, but is off balance and an easy target for the next defender, the "advantage rule" is of little advantage to him as it was proved during Corrimal-Granville match.

Apart from that — no complaints.

If the Ampol games are any indication, the task of selecting a referee for the final will be easy, yet difficult.

Easy because there appears to be no scarcityi of good referees and difficult because someone must miss out.

Fortunately no-one will have a monopoly on finals and there should be ample opportunities for all top class men before the season ends.

We await with interest the announcement of the appointment for the season's First final.

Results of trial games

Trial matches played last weekend resulted:

Gladesville v Sydney Austral 2—2;

APIA v Auburn 3—4;

Granville v Budapest 1—3;

Prague v Hakoah 4—1.

COSTA RICANS FOR HONGKONG

The Costa Rica team, Desportivo Saprissa, which will be visiting Australia under the auspices oof the New South Wales Federation of Soccer Clubs, has accepted an invitation from the Hongkong Football Association to play three matches in Hongkong on May 9, 10 and 19.

The Hongkong Football Association has agreed to pay the Costa Rican team £3500 sterling for the three matches.

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Teams for weekend trial gamees

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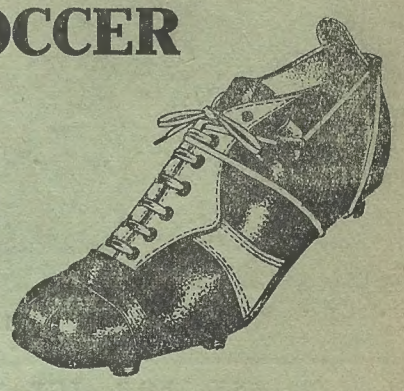

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